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REMARKS

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The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Erfurt - Bindersleben airfield between 26 May and 21 June 1955:

26 May. At 1730, two MiG-17s without auxiliary fuel tanks were seen over the town of Erfurt approaching the airfield.

27 May. At 0732, five jet fighters landed at the field after being aloft for about 20 minutes. The take-offs of these aircraft were performed alert-like. The difference between the first noise of starting and the take-off was less than one minute and landings were also made at very small intervals and at distances of the most 500 meters. Fifteen jet fighters, which were covered with tarpaulins, were parked southeast of the flight control station.

28 May. At 1430 and 1520 respectively, one Li-2 each landed at the field coming from an easterly direction.

29 May. At 1145, one Li-2 landed at the field coming from an east-northeasterly direction. At 1320, one MiG-17 landed.

30 May. At 1020 and at 1640 respectively, one Li-2 each landed at the field.

31 May. At 1330, one MiG-17 landed after being aloft for about 25 minutes. According to observations, the landing speed of MiG-17s was higher than the landing speed of MiG-15s and was estimated at 190 km/h as compared with 175 to 180 km/h. At 1500, one Po-2 landed at the field. At 1810, one Yak-11 took off heading to the east. A total of 16 jet fighters was counted at the taxiway.

1 June. At 0930, one Li-2 landed at the field.

2 June 1955. At 1330 and at 1420 respectively, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s each without auxiliary fuel tanks  landed at the field. 25X1

3 June. At 1030, one Li-2 landed coming from an easterly direction and took off again at 1230. At 1630, a high-speed twin-engined aircraft, which had another engine noise than the Li-2, landed at the field.

4 June. Between 1400 and 1600, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks flying in four elements of two in the vicinity of Erfurt. Th flights lasted for about 35 minutes each.

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5, 6, and 7 June. There was no air activity.

6 June. Six jet fighters were observed at the taxiway.

8 June. At 1120, one Yak-18 landed at the field.

9 through 17 June. There was no air activity.

13 June. One Il-28 crossed over the field at an altitude of about 250 meters flying from east to west. Five to six jet fighters were counted at the taxiway.

18 June. Four MiG-17s with auxiliary fuel tanks in elements of two landed at the field after being aloft for about 40 minutes. Only four jet fighters were counted at the taxiway.

19 June. At 1230, one Yak-18 was seen approaching the field but the landing could not be observed because of a large distance.

20 and 21 June. There was no air activity.

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Comment. Erfurt - Bindersleben airfield is still occupied by an alert flight of the fighter regiment in Merseburg. The field was temporarily occupied by an unidentified jet fighter unit.

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